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Re: Fw: Chicago Surplus Computer RobertH Smith to: Michael Valentino

Cc: Donald Ayres

09/30/2011 12:32 PM

From:

RobertH Smith/R5/USEPA/US

To:

Michael Valentino/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc:

Donald Ayres/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Mike,

I've reviewed the cover letter and information request and have no edits. I'm out of the office next week on vacation, but am pretty sure that the only sign-off you need from ORC on this is from the staff level. Do you know if that is correct? If so, and you want to send them out next week, please consider this email my sign-off. Otherwise, we can put it into signoff when I return to the office on 12/12. Thanks,
-Rob

Robert H. Smith

Associate Regional Counsel

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-----Michael Valentino/R5/USEPA/US wrote: -----

To: RobertH Smith/R5/USEPA/US@EPA From: Michael Valentino/R5/USEPA/US

Date: 09/27/2011 10:07AM

Subject: Re: Fw: Chicago Surplus Computer

Ok, Robert. Thanks.

Mike

RobertH Smith---09/27/2011 10:00:26 AM---I haven't forgot about this, just trying to finish up a few 4th Q items and then will get to this re

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From: RobertH Smith/R5/USEPA/US

To: Michael Valentino/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 09/16/2011 02:51 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Chicago Surplus Computer

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL No.</u> 7009 1680 0000 7667 0784 <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

LR-8J

Mr. Dave Auerbach President Chicago Surplus Computer 3053 N. Knox Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60641

Re: Request for Information EPA ID No.: ILR 000 155 051

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Sincerely,

Paul Little, Acting Chief

RCRA Branch

Land and Chemicals Division

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ce: Todd Marvel, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (todd.marvel@illinois.gov)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Dave Auerbach President Chicago Surplus Computer 3053 N. Knox Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60641

Re: Compliance Evaluation Inspection

EPA ID No.: ILR 000 155 051

Dear Mr. Auerbach:

On August 3, 2010, a representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency inspected Chicago Surplus Computer (CSC) in Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate CSC's compliance with certain requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), specifically the Conditional Exclusions for Used, Broken Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) and Processed CRT Glass Undergoing Recycling, and Used, Intact CRTs Exported for Recycling set forth at 40 CFR §§ 261.39 and 261.40, respectively. We have enclosed a copy of our inspection report for your reference.

As of this writing, based upon information available to EPA, our review of the inspection did not result in the detection of violations of any of the specific requirements evaluated. This determination does not limit the applicability of the requirements evaluated, other hazardous waste regulations, or regulations under other environmental statutes. EPA will continue to evaluate CSC in the future.

You should direct questions about this request for information to Michael Valentino, of my staff, at (312) 886-4582.

Sincerely,

Gary Victorine, Chief

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Enclosures

cc: Todd Marvel, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (todd.marvel@illinois.gov)

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5 77 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604

COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION REPORT

MEMORANDUM TO FILE	
INSTALLATION NAME:	Chicago Surplus Computers
U.S. EPA ID No.:	ILR 000 155 051
LOCATION ADDRESS:	3053 N. Knox Avenue Chicago, IL 60641
NAICS CODES:	42343 (Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software Merchant Wholesalers) and 42144 (Other Commercial Equipment Wholesalers)
DATE OF INSPECTION:	August 3, 2010
EPA INSPECTOR:	Michael Valentino
PREPARED BY: Michael Valentino	12-14-12
Michael Valentino, Environmental Engine	Date
REVIEWED BY:	

Lorna M. Jereza, Chief Compliance Section 1

RCRA Branch

Date

Purpose of Inspection:

The purpose of the inspection was to conduct an un-announced Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) at Chicago Surplus Computer (CSC), located at 3053 N. Knox Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60641, to examine CSC's management of its Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulated waste, cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and the export of CRTs for re-use.

Participants:

David Auerbach, Vice-President, (ph. 847-561-6987; email: <u>Auerbach@Chicagosurpluscomputer.com</u>) represented CSC. Michael Valentino represented U.S. EPA Region 5, Land and Chemicals Division, RCRA Branch.

Installation Description:

CSC is primarily involved in asset recovery of data. CSC receives old computers from corporations, as well as datacom, telecom and telephone equipment. CSC technicians recover data, reload the operating system and refurbish computers for resale. Asset recovery and upgrades are intended to extend the life of the units.

At the time of the inspection, CSC had been at this location for approximately two years. They were previously located at 3350 N. Kedzie Avenue in Chicago. Mr. Auerbach originally began work in the IT field in 1982. In about 2000, he ventured into computer reclamation.

Mr. Auerbach said there is no grinding or melting or parts, and no solvents are used in the process. Universal waste (fluorescent bulbs) is managed by the building owner. Forklift trucks are electric and managed by Allison Forklift. CSC does not generate hazardous waste. Mr. Auerbach stated that he incorrectly applied as a large quantity generator (LQG) to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. He received an EPA site ID number which indicated CSC's status as an LQG.

CSC does not export CRTs. CSC sells or donates CRTs to downstream users. CSC does not store broken CRTs. CSC does not take broken CRTs into their facility. CSC does not disassemble CRTs to sell glass or other components to smelters or other recyclers.

CSC employs seven or eight at this location.

Mr. Auerbach presented me with a brochure which describes CSC's services. (Attachment 1)

During our conversation, I presented Mr. Auerbach with copies of the Region 5 Pollution Prevention (P2) contact information and State Agency P2 contact information fact sheet and the Illinois Waste Management and Research Center (WMRC) brochure entitled, "SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS – A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR ILLINOIS INDUSTRY."

Facility Inspection and Observations:

We walked through CSC's facility beginning at 2:05 pm. I did note there were 76 computers with cracked LCD screens.

Post-inspection Information Gathering:

In order to obtain more information regarding CSC's electronics recycling program, EPA issued a Request for Information (RFI) under RCRA Section 3007 on October 14, 2011. (Attachment 2) CSC provided its response to EPA's Request, dated December 5, 2011, and received by EPA on December 6, 2011. (Attachment 3)

Follow-up:

None necessary.

Attachments:

- 1. CSC Brochure
- 2. October 14, 2011 Request for Information
- 3. December 5, 2011 Response to RFI

ATTACHMENT 1

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Who we are, what we do

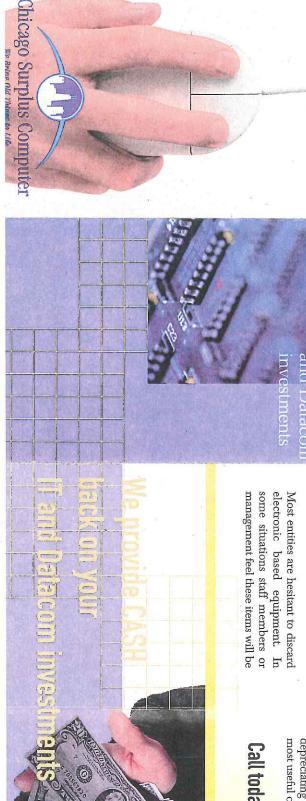
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Asset consolidation, inventory and data destruction

central location within your facility. Inventory Our staff can move your IT assets to one the equipment and then destroy all data on the storeroom and provide a list by make, model these assets from the boardroom to the full picture of the vast amount of Datacom hard drives. Many organizations do not have a Telecom assets within their company. We find and serial number. This documentation of your IT assets internally or let us remove provides you with the ability to either dispose

Valuation and appraisal of

inventory, we have the resources and personal contacts to determine a value We have been in the IT market since seller and buyer. Some assets hold their range in the secondary market. We are in 1982. Once we know the value of your the market every single day, both as a to properly liquidate. In some instances, value and others, though quite expensive greater value by holding out for a user when purchased, might incur an expense esoteric IT equipment, can command who needs said unit for repair, parts or replacement of a similar item.

Environmental Issues

expensive new Pentium is now worthless. Technology moves quickly. in disposing of that unit because of the Actually you probably have been inactive EPA regulations along with the cost contacts in the specialized waste hauling associated in proper disposal. We have charges. There's gold in those old industry and can bring down these That

equipment

actually view the assets that need to be The first step in our process is for us to recaptured. A physical inspection, in method to recapture your IT assets. We will help determine the best level and conjunction with written documentation, wants the equipment removed, and the look at the time period in which the client value of assets.

us to make a market for their IT, The vast majority of our clients choose to In the simplest terms: We buy your old telephones and remove them from the computers, networking equipment and Tele/Datacom and Telephony equipment.

equipment is great, we partner with you, our client, selling your IT assets by If the expected monetary value of your and personal contacts to sell your assets at numerous different re-marketing channels as your sales agent you can maximize the We use our vast resources, both electronic the highest possible price. When CSC acts value of your assets.

Since 1982

division of Digilog Electronics, Inc. Both Chicago Surplus Computer is a specialty entities have actively been involved in the acquisition and disposition of IT survived and thrived in a sea of have come and gone, technology. In the last two decades many uncertainty. but we have

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CSC chief market maker is Dave marketing IT, Datacom, Telecom and century of experience in valuing and re-Auerbach. Dave brings almost a quarter in valuing and disposing of IT assets. of four technicians and two market makers Telephony equipment. Dave leads a team

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ATTACHMENT 2



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David F. Auerbach, Managing Partner

2. Does CSC receive intact cathode ray tubes (CRT's) from off site (computer monitors and television) If so, what are sources (I.e. Schools, households, offices, businesses, etc)?

Yes. CSC does receive intact computer monitors or televisions. The majority are from businesses and offices.

3. What does CSC do with the intact CRT's?

CSC sells or donates computer monitors to downstream partners. CSC is primarily an asset recovery house for computer technology. Our first and primary role is to refurbished, computers and related equipment for resale to extend IT shelf life. If a CRT or any other computer equipment is deemed unfixable by our internal technical staff, we will sell these non working, non cracked to downstream partners that buy in bulk and are more equipped to refurbish more intricate parts of such items.

- How long are intact CRTs stored on-site?
 Most computer monitors are in our possession for less then 30 days.
- 5. How does CSC track time of storage of the intact CRT's it receives?

 CSC has limited space, therefore; items are turned over in a short period of time. We do not track time or quantity of computer monitors that are on property.
- 6. Does recycling of off-site shipments of 75% of the intact CRT's received occur within one year of their receipt

Yes. Most computer monitors are turned around within 30 days of receipt.

7. Does CSC export intact CRT's for recycling?

No. CSC does not export CRT's or any other computer equipment.

8. How are the CRTs recycled?

CSC sells or donates computer monitors to downstream partners.

- 9. If sent off-site within the US, how are the intact CRT's managed?

 CSC palletizes the computer monitors face down with cardboard in front of the screen. The usual shipment is 36 units per pallet, carefully shrunk wrapped.
- 10. Does CSC export intact CRT for re-use? If so to what countries?

 CSC does not export CRTs or any other computer equipment.

 N/A
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 They are not. N/A
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 We do not store broken CRT's. N/A
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20. Does recycling or off-site shipments of 75% of broken CRTs received occur within one year of their receipt?

It does not. N/A

21. What does CSC do with broken CRTs?

We do not collect broken CRTs. We mainly collect equipment that is working. There will be some instances that we will get equipment that is non-working, but not broken or dismantled.

- 22. Does processing of broken CRTs occur indoor?

 We do not process Broken CRTs. N/A
- 23. Does CSC perform any processes on CRTs that heat up the CRT to temperatures at which lead can be volatized?
 We do not perform any process on CRTs. N/A
- 24. Does CSC send CRT glass to a CRT manufacturer or lead smelter?

 We do not send any glass or any other separate components to a

 CRT manufacturer or smelter. N/A
- 25. Does CSC export broken CRTs? If so, to what countries?

 CSC does not export any CRTs or any other computer equipment.

 N/A
- 26. What do receiving facilities do with the broken CRT's?
- 27. What is CSC annual through-put of broken CRTs? **N/A.**



RE: Your request for extension Michael Valentino to: Dave Auerbach

11/09/2011 07:13 AM

Mr. Auerbach:

Thank you for your response. I have received permission to inform you that your request for an extension has been granted by EPA.

Chicago Surplus Computer is to submit its response to EPA's Request for Information no later than Thursday, December 8, 2011.

Please contact me if you have any other questions.

Sincerely, Mike

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11/09/2011 06:59:41 AM

From:

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To:

Michael Valentino/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Date:

11/09/2011 06:59 AM

Subject:

RE: Your request for extension

Mike,

Our Environemental consultant needs time to review our documentation.

I don't think it will take 30 more days. Maybe only 14.

We are working on it...Thanks.

Dave Auerbach Auerbach@Chicagosurpluscomputer.com 847-561-6987 AOL IM: Hourbach Warehouse phone 773-545-7357 Fax 773-545-7358

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From: Valentino.Michael@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Valentino.Michael@epamail.epa.gov] Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 2:03 PM

To: Dave Auerbach

Subject: Your request for extension

Mr. Auerbach:

My supervisor, Lorna Jereza, has asked that you provide written justification for a 30-day extension. Please do so ASAP by replying directly to me.

Thank you,

Mike

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